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A new anchor point for the 8th edition of EXPOBIOGAZ on 12th and 13th June this year

The EXPOBIOGAZ exhibition 8th edition, jointly organized with Club Biogaz ATEE, will be taking place from 12th to 13th June, 2019 in Lille's *Grand Palais*. Over 150 exhibitors and brands have already confirmed their bookings with 4 months to go. Buoyed by the success of previous editions, EXPOBIOGAZ now heads north to the Hauts-de-France region for the first time, with a broad offering of solutions and an event-packed programme for all professional visitors. 2019 will also be the occasion when EXPOBIOGAZ asserts its new positioning as "the renewable gas exhibition".

NEW POSITIONING FOR FRANCE'S BENCHMARK GATHERING ON RENEWABLE GAS

In 2019, EXPOBIOGAZ evolves and becomes the renewable gas exhibition, the French benchmark event covering the whole range of renewable gas production solutions and value channels: anaerobic digestion, pyrogasification, power-to-gas, sustainable mobility.

A development in line with market issues

The French government's draft ten-year energy programme ("PPE"), published at the end of January, covers two distinct periods: 2019–2023 and 2024–2028.

For the whole of the biogas sector (CHP, biomethane, etc.), ambitions are down with respect to the objectives put forward by the sector in the debate organized by the National Public Debate Commission and are lower than those set in the Energy Transition for Green Growth Act (LTECV) of 18th August, 2015. The sector's stakeholders and the Public Debate backed an objective of 30% injected biomethane by 2030. The LTECV anticipates raising the share of renewables in gas consumption to 10% by 2030.

According to the new PPE, biogas (injected or used directly) would reach 7% of gas consumption by 2030, with 14TWh/year of commercializable biogas production in 2028 (including 6TWh/year biomethane) and 24–32TWh/year of commercializable biogas (including 14–22TWh/year biomethane) in the reference trajectory.

This trajectory should enable keeping within a budget of 7.9bn euros in support of the injected biogas sector over the period, with a lowering of project costs from €95/MWh PCS to €67/MWh PCS in 2023 and €60/MWh PCS in 2028, for projects selected by tender (first of them in 2019 Q2).

The draft PPE anticipates maintaining the "on-tap" tariff for biomethane purchases from small-sized installations (below a threshold to be defined).

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A specific support mechanism will be implemented for biomethane not injected into the grid.

With an enhanced, expanded offering, the EXPOBIOGAZ exhibition's impetus is completely in line with these new national market prospects, with new objectives facilitating maintenance and development of employment and thus the long-term viability of the French sector.

Sources: Club Biogaz ATEE press release

"PPE: lower ambitions with more constraints for biogas and biomethane"

AN EXHIBITION AT THE HUB OF A BUOYANT REGION IN RENEWABLE GAS

To best meet the sector's professional needs, the exhibition this year will be held in Lille, at the hub of a dynamic, very buoyant region. The Hauts-de-France region contains a lot of potential for this event, which has become invaluable to all renewable gas stakeholders.

As France's **most productive region in both agriculture and renewable gas**, Hauts-de-France offers a strategic position to stakeholders across the whole of the biogas-biomethane-bioCNG sector. It has **54 biomethane injection projects at the design stage or under construction** (sources: GRTgaz and Terega).

This type of localization has once again proved relevant: out of the stands booked so far, **20% are first-time exhibitors at the event**, which also indicates a real enhancement of the offering.

The exhibition's international outreach, reinforced by this new location, will among other things facilitate the development of new market opportunities in key countries and areas located nearby: Benelux, the UK, Scandinavia, Germany, Switzerland.

A REPRESENTATIVE OFFERING FROM A SECTOR IN FULL GROWTH

This year's exhibition offering will be particularly expansive and varied, **with over 220 exhibitors and brands showing off their solutions to an expected 4,000 professional visitors.**

Companies and brands exhibiting their know-how and innovation, industrial and manufacturing companies able to meet every need of project owners and initiators, with turnkey solutions or specific answers: anaerobic digestion solutions, power-to-gas solutions, pyrogasification solutions, as well as value channels: injection, CHP, sustainable mobility, services.

A BROAD SPECTRUM OF VISITOR PROFILES

EXPOBIOGAZ caters for a **very diverse set of profiles** covering the whole sector: know-how custodians, project initiators, people keeping a watchful eye on this future-facing sector. They represent

- farming and breeding
- public establishments (local councils and economic agencies)
- industry (agri-food & drinks, paper mills, large-scale distribution, unpacking and unpacking)
- waste and water treatment (technical burial centres, energy recovery from organic waste)

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- biogas-related equipment and techniques (biogas-specific equipment makers, biogas-related service providers, OEMs, biogas engineering/project assistance)
- biomethane fuel (CNG infrastructure manufacturer, vehicle builder/distributor/equipment maker)
- energy (producers, operators, services to energy)

A BUSINESS BOOSTING EXHIBITION

EXPOBIOGAZ is now firmly established as a true business booster thanks to **a whole range of services for the benefit of exhibitors and visitors alike**. The event thus contributes to networking the whole range of sector representatives attending the exhibition.

Business Meetings

In order to fulfil the expectations of professionals constantly on the lookout for partners or markets, EXPOBIOGAZ provides a **free business appointments service**: “Business Meetings”.

This service is available to all visitors, offering all of them a chance to make the most of their exhibition attendance by organizing more encounters and developing their network. With this service, EXPOBIOGAZ provides a concrete answer to professional expectations.

With 551 business appointments made and kept at the 2018 edition, this service, squarely aimed at exchanges and business for exhibitors and visitors alike, has proven its performance.

AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAMME OF IN-SHOW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

As the go-to gathering of sector professionals, EXPOBIOGAZ promises a programme full of in-show events and activities. Professionals will be able to take part in many exhibition highlights that are both concrete and future-looking in order to learn, stay informed, exchange, and discover all the market’s innovations and trends:

- **The Innovation Award**: all exhibitors have an opportunity to **promote their innovations by entering the EXPOBIOGAZ Innovation Award** contest, which every year rewards new stakeholders in the sector. An opportunity to enjoy heightened visibility ahead of, during, and after the exhibition.
- **2 days of open-access conferences**, dealing with a comprehensive range of topical subjects and organized by Club Biogaz ATEE and Biogaz Vallée®: funding, employment, training, quality labels, R&D, etc.
- **2 site visits** on the eve of the exhibition
- **Agricultural village**: an area dedicated to exchanges, advice, and feedback for farm owners, farm operators, breeders, wine growers, etc.
- **Exhibitor forum**: an area dedicated to talks and discussions by exhibiting companies

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- **SOS Project Initiator**: an assistance tool for taking advantage of custom advice and making the most of one's visit, run by Biogaz Vallée®
- **The National Renewable Gas Assembly, run by the Renewable Energies Syndicate**

New feature 2019

A **new employment/training area, the Talent Forum**, will be taking its place at the centre of the exhibition, aimed at providing answers to current issues in the sector. This area is dedicated to problem areas in training and recruitment, so often encountered by the market's stakeholders, and will enable constructive exchanges around this recurring topic and facilitate relevant encounters.

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RETURN TO THE RECAP OF THE EXPOBIOGAZ 2018 EDITION IN STRASBOURG

- 221** exhibitors and brands
- 3653** professionals over 2 days
- 551** pre-arranged business appointments
- 35%** of exhibitors from abroad
- 12%** of visitors from abroad
- 70%** of visitors decision-makers

USEFUL INFORMATION

Dates

12 & 13 June, 2019

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